Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-3 (Cancelled).

4.   (Withdrawn) A shipping management computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed for:

       receiving, via a first computer device, an input of a subset of carriers that have been selected by a first user from a plurality of carriers and designated as acceptable carriers by the first user;

       displaying the subset of carriers to a display device that is in communication with a second computer device used by a second user;

       receiving a selection of a particular carrier from a plurality of carriers, said selection having been made by a second user via the second computer device, said selection designating said particular carrier as a carrier that is to deliver a package to be shipped by the first user to the second user; and

       in response to the second user selecting the particular carrier from the subset of carriers, designating the particular carrier as a carrier that will deliver the package from the first user to the second user.

5.   (Withdrawn) A shipping management computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed for:

       receiving, from a first computer device, a set of itemized charge preferences input by a first user; and

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customizing a calculation of a total charge associated with the purchase of an item by a second user, said total charge comprising both: (A) a purchase price of said item, and (B) shipping charges associated with shipping the item to the second user, wherein:

(1) the shipping management computer system is configured to:

(a) calculate said total charge according to said set of itemized charge preferences,

(b) use a set of itemized charge presentation preferences to customize a display of both a set of itemized charges and said total charge, and

(c) communicate said display to a display device that is in communication with a second computer device used by the second user,

(2) the display is customized by the shipping management computer system, and

(3) the itemized charge presentation preferences are specified by a the first user via the first computer device.

6.   (Withdrawn) A shipping management computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed for:

receiving, from a first computer device, a set of itemized charge presentation preferences, wherein said itemized charge presentation preferences: (A) have been defined by a first user, and (B) identify a plurality of shipping charge options to be presented to one or more users;

storing the itemized charge presentation preferences in a database; and

using the itemized charge presentation preferences to generate a display on a display device that is in communication with a second computer device used by a second user, said display comprising a set of itemized charges to be paid by the second user for purchasing and shipping at least one item from the first user, wherein:

said display is generated by the shipping management computer system according to the itemized charge presentation preferences.

7.   (Withdrawn) A shipping management computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed for:

receiving a list of permissible payment methods that have been selected, via a first computer device, by a first user from list of possible payment methods;

displaying, to a second display device in communication with a second computer device used by a second user, the list of permissible payment methods; and

receiving a selection of a particular one of the permissible payment methods, said particular one of said permissible payment methods having been selected by the second user to pay for: (A) a purchase of an item by the second user from the first user, and (B) a shipment of the item from the first user to the second user.

8.   (Withdrawn) A shipping management computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed for:

receiving a list of permissible payment methods that have been selected, via a first computer device, by a first user from list of possible payment methods;

storing the permissible payment methods in a database; and

in response to receiving an indication from a particular user that said particular user desires to purchase a particular item, displaying the permissible payment methods to a display device that is in communication with a second computer device.

Claim 9.   (Cancelled).

10.   (Withdrawn) A computer system for performing a set of actions for a plurality of users, wherein each respective user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, said computer system being programmed for:

creating a hypertext link template comprising at least one variable data field and at least one global communications address field;

collecting, via a first computer device, a user input of at least one item of data from a first user;

populating the at least one variable data field in the hypertext link template with the at least one item of data input by the first user;

populating at least one global communications address field in the hypertext link template with a universal address location corresponding to an address at which program instructions are located for processing the at least one item of data in the at least one variable data field;

creating a hypertext link to the universal address location, wherein the hypertext link comprises: (A) the universal address location; and (B) the at least one variable data field, said at least one variable data field being populated with the at least one item of data; and

generating a display to a display device in communication with the first computer device, wherein:

the display comprises the hypertext link, and

the hypertext link is copyable by the first user into a web page for

display to a plurality of users accessing the web page.

11.   (Withdrawn) A computer system for performing a set of actions for a plurality of users, wherein each respective user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, said computer system being programmed for:

collecting, from a first user via a first computer device, service information about a service to be provided by the first user;

collecting, from a second user, via a second computer device: (A) a request for the service to be provided by the first user, and (B) delivery information about delivery of the service;

generating a display of information about the service according to the delivery information provided by the second user and according to the service information provided by the first user-; and

communicating said display to at least one of: (A) a first display device in communication with the first computer device, or (B) a second display device in communication with the second computer device.

12.   (Previously Presented) A shipping management computer system that is programmed for:

collecting, from a first user via a first computer device, a set of information comprising: (A) parcel specifications for shipping a particular parcel, (B) an origin address associated with the particular parcel, and (C) shipping preferences for shipping the particular parcel;

collecting, from a second user via a second computer device, a set of recipient information comprising: (A) a destination zip code to which the particular parcel is to be shipped, (B) an identification of a carrier to be used in shipping the package, and (C) a delivery service by which the carrier is to ship the package;

calculating a shipping rate to be charged for having the carrier ship the particular parcel from the origin address to the destination zip code via the delivery service; and

displaying the shipping rate to a display device selected from a group consisting of: (A) a first display device that is in communication with the first computer device, and (B) a second display device that is in communication with the second computer device, wherein:

said shipping rate is calculated according to:

(A) the parcel specifications and the origin address input by the first user, and

(B) the destination zip code, the selection of the carrier, and the

selection of the delivery service input by the second user.

13.   (Withdrawn) A multi-carrier shipping management computer system that is programmed for:

facilitating the shipping of a plurality of parcels;

for each particular one of said plurality of parcels:

(A) receiving shipping information related to shipping said particular parcel, said shipping information having been entered by a particular respective user via a respective computer device;

(B) generating a respective unique tracking number for said particular parcel; and

(C) displaying the respective unique tracking number to a display device that is in communication with the respective computer device, wherein:

each respective unique tracking number corresponds to a particular respective parcel.

14.   (Withdrawn) A shipping management computer system that is programmed for:

identifying a relationship between: (A) a particular parcel; (B) a carrier-specific tracking number used by a carrier computer system to track the particular parcel; and (C) a system-generated tracking number that uniquely identifies the particular parcel within the multi-carrier, shipping management computer system;

storing the relationship in a memory accessible by the shipping management computer system ; and

in response to receiving, via a remote computer device, a shipment status request that comprises the system-generated tracking number:

(A) using the system-generated tracking number to identify the carrier-specific tracking number;

(B) using the carrier-specific tracking number to obtain shipment

status information for the particular parcel from the carrier computer system; and

(C) displaying the shipment status information to a user via a display associated with the remote computer device.

15.   (Withdrawn) A shipping management computer system that is programmed for:

receiving a set of shipping criteria that has been input by a user via a remote computer device;

generating a system-generated unique tracking number for a particular parcel that is to be shipped according to said set of shipping criteria;

associating the system-generated unique tracking number for the particular parcel with a corresponding carrier-specific tracking number for the particular parcel, said carrier-specific tracking number being used by a carrier computer system to track the particular parcel; and

in response to receiving, via a remote computer device, a shipment status request that comprises the system-generated tracking number:

(A) using the system-generated tracking number to identify the carrier-specific tracking number;

(B) using the carrier-specific tracking number to obtain shipment status information for the particular parcel from the carrier computer system; and

(C) displaying the shipment status information to a user via a display associated with the remote computer device.

16.   (Withdrawn) A computer system that is programmed for:

(A) receiving information from a first remote computer device via a global communications network, said information indicating that a first user is willing to sell a particular item;

(B) receiving data from a second remote computer device via said global communications network, said data indicating that a second user wishes to purchase the particular item from the first user;

(C) allowing the second user to indicate, via the second remote computer device, that the second user refuses to complete the purchase of the particular item; and

(D) in response to the second user indicating that the second user refuses to complete the purchase, communicating to the first user, via the first remote computer device, that the second user has refused to complete the purchase of the item, wherein:

said computer system is configured for executing said Step (D) after said Step (A), and before the second user has provided delivery or payment information to the first user in regard to the purchase of the item.

Claim 17.   (Cancelled).

18.   (Withdrawn) A shipping management computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed for:

allowing a first user to select both a delivery service and a carrier for a particular shipment;

in response to said first user selecting said delivery service and said carrier, generating a shipping log entry to a shipping log of a second user wherein:

said shipping log entry contains a unique identifier corresponding to a particular item to be shipped by the second user to the first user,

said unique identifier further corresponds to a database entry for the particular item, and

said database entry comprises information corresponding to the selection by the first user of the delivery service and the carrier.

19.   (Withdrawn) A shipping management computer system that is programmed for:

recognizing as a selection of a respective carrier of a plurality of carriers and a respective delivery service of a plurality of delivery services, a selection by a second user of a particular shipping rate from an online interactive comparison display of shipping rates, wherein the online interactive comparison display of shipping rates comprises a shipping rate for each respective delivery service offered by each respective carrier of the plurality of carriers that would deliver a particular item, and wherein said particular shipping rate corresponds to a shipping of the particular item from a first user to the second user via the respective carrier and the respective delivery service; and

generating an entry to a shipping log of the first user for shipping the particular item using the respective carrier and the respective delivery service, wherein said entry is generated according to the selection by the second user.

Claims 20-21.   (Cancelled).

22.   (Withdrawn) A shipping management computer system that is programmed for:

receiving an online tracking request for a particular parcel from a user, wherein the user submits the online tracking request to the shipping management computer system via a global communications network using a user client computer device, and wherein the online tracking request comprises a tracking number that corresponds to the particular parcel;

using said tracking number to identify a particular carrier that is to deliver the particular parcel;

polling, via a global communications network, a carrier shipping status system for a shipping status of the particular parcel, said carrier shipping status system being associated with said carrier; and

responding to the online tracking request with an online tracking report that includes the shipping status of the respective particular parcel.

23.   (Withdrawn) A shipping management computer system that is programmed for:

receiving an online user tracking request to obtain current tracking status information for a particular package, wherein said online user tracking request comprises an indication of a tracking identifier that uniquely identifies the particular package;

using the tracking identifier to identify a particular carrier shipping status system from a plurality of carrier shipping status systems, said particular carrier shipping status system being associated with a carrier that is to deliver said particular package;

using the tracking identifier to poll, via a global communications network, the particular carrier shipping status system for current tracking status information for the particular package; and

responding to the online user tracking request with an online tracking report that comprises the current tracking status of the particular package.

Claim 24.   (Canceled).

25.   (Withdrawn) A shipping management computer system that is programmed to:, for each of a plurality of respective parcels for which a package record is saved in a memory:

(A) transmit a request for the respective parcel's shipping status, via a global communications network, to a carrier shipping status system associated with said respective parcel;

(B) receive said shipping status for said respective parcel from said carrier shipping status system;

(C) save said shipping status to a memory;

(D) receive an input of a tracking number that corresponds to the respective parcel; and

(E) respond to said input of said tracking number by displaying a shipping

status associated with the respective parcel.

Claim 26.   (Canceled).

27.   (Previously Presented) A shipping management computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to, for each particular respective parcel of a plurality of parcels:

(A) receive, from a particular user, a set of parcel specifications for the particular parcel;

(B) identify a default shipping location associated with the particular user;

(C) for each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers, apply a respective set of carrier-specific shipping location rules to the default shipping location to determine which of said plurality of carriers would support shipping the particular parcel from the default shipping location; and

(D) generate a display that includes a listing of each of the plurality of carriers that would support shipping the particular parcel from the default shipping location, wherein:

said shipping management computer system is configured for access by a plurality of users, and

each of said plurality of users accesses said shipping management computer system via a global communications network using a respective user client computer device.

28.   (Previously Presented) A shipping management computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to, for each respective parcel of a plurality of parcels:

(A) receive a set of parcel specifications from a particular user for a particular parcel to be shipped by the particular user;

(B) for each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers, apply a respective

set of carrier-specific parcel handling rules to the set of parcel specifications to determine which of said plurality of carriers would support shipping the particular parcel; and

(C) generate a display that includes a listing of each of the plurality of carriers that would support shipping the particular parcel, wherein:

said shipping management computer system is configured for access by a plurality of users, and

each of said plurality of users accesses said shipping management computer system via a global communications network using a respective user client computer device.

29.   (Previously Presented) A shipping management computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed to, for each respective parcel of a plurality of parcels:

(A) receive a set of parcel specifications from a particular user for a particular parcel to be shipped by the particular user;

(B) for each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers, determine which of the plurality of carriers would support shipping the particular parcel according to said set of parcel specifications; and

(C) generate a display that includes a listing of each of said plurality of carriers that would support shipping the particular parcel according to the set of parcel specifications, wherein:

said shipping management computer system is configured for access by a plurality of users,

each respective one of said plurality of users accesses said shipping management computer system via a global communications network using a respective user client computer device, and

said set of parcel specifications comprises a weight of said particular parcel and at least one of: a parcel type, a set of parcel dimensions, or a parcel value.

30.   (Previously Presented) A shipping management computer system comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management computer system is programmed for:

(A) receiving a set of parcel specifications for a particular parcel to be shipped by a first user to a second user, said set of parcel specifications comprising:

(1) an origin address, and

(2) at least one of:

a parcel type,

a set of parcel dimensions,

a package weight, or

a value of the particular parcel,

(B) receiving a set of recipient information for a delivery of the particular parcel to the second user, said set of recipient information comprising:

(1) a delivery address to which the particular parcel is to be delivered,

(2) a delivery service by which the particular parcel is to be delivered to the delivery address, and

(3) a carrier that is to deliver the particular parcel to the delivery address;

(C) calculating a shipping rate for shipping the particular parcel from the origin address to the delivery address via said delivery service and said carrier, wherein said computer system is configured to calculate the shipping rate according to at least: (1) said parcel specifications; (2) said delivery address; (3) said delivery service; and (4) said carrier; and

(D) displaying the shipping rate to at least one display device selected from a group consisting of: (1) a first display device in communication with a first user client computer device, and (2) a second display device in communication with a second user client computer device, wherein:

said set of parcel specifications is input by a first user via the first

user client computer device,

said first user accesses the shipping management computer

system via a global communications network using the first user client

computer device,

said set of recipient information is input by a second user via the

second user client computer device, and

said second user accesses the shipping management computer

system via the global communications network using the second user

client computer device.

31.   (Previously Presented) A shipping management computer system

comprising at least one computer device, wherein said shipping management

computer system is programmed:

(A) to communicate with a plurality of client computer devices via a global

communications network;

(B) to, for each of said plurality of client computer devices:

(1) instruct the client computer device to recognize a

measured weight of a particular parcel, said weight being measured

by a digital scale configured with the client computer device;

(2) instruct the client computer device to communicate the

measured weight to the shipping management computer system via

the global communications network;

(3) receive the measured weight communicated by the user

client computer device;

(4) calculate at least one shipping rate for shipping the

parcel according to at least the measured weight; and

(5) display the shipping rate to a display device in

communication with the client computer device.

Claim 32.   (Canceled).

33.   (Previously Presented) A shipping management computer system, said shipping management computer system programmed for:

communicating remotely with a plurality of user client computer devices via a network communications protocol; and

for each of said client computer devices:

(A) receiving a request, from a user associated with the client computer device, to ship a particular parcel, wherein said request comprises:

(1) an origin identifier corresponding to a location from which the particular parcel is to be shipped,

(2) a delivery destination identifier corresponding to a location to which the particular parcel is to be shipped, and

(3) a set of parcel specifications for the particular parcel;

(B) identifying a plurality of carriers that would support shipping the respective parcel according to the origin identifier, the delivery destination identifier, and the set of parcel specifications;

(C) for each particular one of said plurality of carriers:

(1) calculating a shipping rate that said particular carrier would charge to deliver said particular parcel via a first delivery service according to the origin identifier, the delivery destination identifier, and the set of parcel specifications, and

(2) calculating a shipping rate that said particular carrier would charge to deliver said particular parcel via a second delivery service according to the origin identifier, the delivery destination identifier, and the set of parcel specifications; and

(D) displaying, to a display device configured with the client computer device, a simultaneous preview of each shipping rate calculated in Step (C) above.

34.   (Previously Presented) A shipping management computer system that is programmed for:

communicating remotely with a plurality of user client computer devices via a network communications protocol;

for each of said plurality of client computer devices:

(A) receiving, from a user associated with the client computer device, a request to ship a particular parcel, wherein said request comprises:

(1) an origin identifier corresponding to a location from which the particular parcel is to be shipped,

(2) a delivery destination identifier corresponding to a location to which the particular parcel is to be shipped, and

(3) a set of parcel specifications for the particular parcel;

(B) identifying a plurality of carriers that would support shipping the respective parcel according to the origin identifier, the delivery destination identifier, and the set of parcel specifications;

(C) for each particular one of said plurality of carriers:

(1) calculating a first service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate that said particular carrier would charge to deliver said particular parcel via a first delivery service according to the origin identifier, the delivery destination identifier, the set of parcel specifications, and a set of rules for the first delivery service, and

(2) calculating a second service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate that said particular carrier would charge to deliver said particular parcel via a second delivery service according to the origin identifier, the delivery destination identifier, the set of parcel specifications, and a set of rules for the second delivery service; and

(D) displaying, to a display device configured with the client computer device, a simultaneous online comparison comprising each service-specific, carrier specific shipping rate calculated in Step (C) above.

35.   (Previously Presented) A shipping management computer system that is programmed for:

communicating remotely with a plurality of user client computer devices

via a network communications protocol;

for each of said client computer devices:

(A) receiving a request, from a user associated with said client computer device, to ship a particular parcel, wherein said request comprises:

(1) an origin identifier corresponding to a location from which the particular parcel is to be shipped,

(2) a delivery destination identifier corresponding to a location to which the particular parcel is to be shipped, and

(3) a set of parcel specifications for the particular parcel;

(B) identifying a plurality of carriers that would support shipping the respective parcel according to the origin identifier, the delivery destination identifier, and the set of parcel specifications;

(C) for each particular one of said plurality of carriers:

(1) determining a first service-specific, carrier-specific delivery schedule according to which said particular carrier would deliver said particular parcel via a first delivery service, said shipping management computer system being configured to determine said first service-specific, carrier-specific delivery schedule according to the origin identifier, the delivery destination identifier, the set of parcel specifications, and at least one service-specific, carrier specific delivery schedule rule associated with said first delivery service, and

(2) determining a second service-specific, carrier-specific delivery schedule according to which said particular carrier would deliver said particular parcel via a second delivery service, said shipping management computer system being configured to determine said second service-specific, carrier-specific delivery schedule according to the origin identifier, the delivery destination identifier, the set of parcel specifications, and at least one service-specific, carrier-specific delivery schedule rule associated with said second delivery service; and

(D) displaying, to a display device configured with the client computer device, a simultaneous online comparison comprising each service-specific, carrier specific delivery schedule determined in Step (C) above.

36. (Previously Presented) A shipping management computer system that is programmed for:

(A) communicating remotely with a plurality of user client computer devices via a network communications protocol; and

(B) for each of said user client computer devices:

(1) receiving, from the user client computer device, a request to ship a particular parcel, said request including a request that a delivery notification service be implemented in association with the shipment of the particular parcel; and

(2) in response to said request, displaying to a display device configured with the client computer device, an identification of each respective carrier of a plurality of carriers that would provide the delivery notification service.

Claims 37-41. (Canceled).

42. (Previously Presented) A shipping management computer system that is programmed for:

(A) communicating remotely with a plurality of user client computer devices via a network communications protocol;

(B) for each of said client computer devices:

(1) receiving a request, from a user associated with said client computer device, to ship a particular parcel, wherein said request comprises:

(a) an origin identifier corresponding to a location from which the particular parcel is to be shipped;

(b) a delivery destination identifier corresponding to a location to

which the particular parcel is to be shipped; and

(c) a set of parcel specifications for the particular parcel;

(2) identifying a plurality of carriers that would support shipping the respective parcel according to the origin identifier, the delivery destination identifier, and the set of parcel specifications;

(3) for each particular one of said plurality of carriers:

(a) calculating a shipping rate that said particular carrier would charge to deliver said particular parcel via a first delivery service according to the origin identifier, the delivery destination identifier, and the set of parcel specifications, and

(b) calculating a shipping rate that said particular carrier would charge to deliver said particular parcel via a second delivery service according to according to the origin identifier, the delivery destination identifier, and the set of parcel specifications; and

(C) displaying to a display device configured with the client computer device, a simultaneous online comparison comprising each respective shipping rate determined in Step (3) above, wherein:

each of said respective shipping rates corresponds to a particular respective service offered by a particular respective carrier for delivering the respective parcel by a particular time on a particular day.

43.   (Withdrawn) An online interactive shipping management computer system that is programmed for:

(A) communicating remotely with a plurality of user client computer devices via a network communications protocol;

(B) for each of said client computer devices:

receiving, via the client computer device, an input from a particular user, said input modifying a previous request from said particular user to ship a particular parcel, wherein:

said previous request comprises: (A) an origin identifier corresponding to a location from which the particular parcel is to be shipped; (B) a delivery destination identifier corresponding to a location to which the particular parcel is to be shipped; and (C) a set of parcel specifications for the particular parcel,

said input comprises at least one of: (A) a modified origin identifier for said particular parcel; (B) a modified delivery destination identifier for said particular parcel; or (C) a modified set of parcel specifications for said particular parcel, and

(C) regenerating, in response to said input a display of shipping information to a display device configured with the user client computer device, said display of shipping information being modified according to said input.

44.   (Previously Presented) An online interactive shipping management computer system that is programmed for:

executing a set of computer instructions for generating an interactive user interface display of rating and scheduling information, said routing and scheduling information being related to shipping a particular parcel from an origin to destination, said shipping management computer system being programmed to generate said interactive user interface display according to a set of data input by a particular user via a particular remote user client computer device, wherein:

said interactive user interface display comprises: (A) the set of data input by the particular user; (B) a result of the executed set of computer instructions; (C) at least one data collection field initialized with a data item from the set of data input by the particular user; and (D) an instruction to execute an executable set of instructions for regenerating the interactive user interface display in response to a user modification of data in the at least one data collection field, and

the particular remote user client computer device communicates with the online interactive shipping management computer system over a global communications network.

45.   (Previously Presented) The online interactive shipping management computer system of Claim 44, wherein:

said online interactive shipping management computer system is further programmed to distribute the interactive user interface display to the particular remote user client computer device; and

said interactive user interface display further comprises the executable set of instructions for regenerating the interactive user interface display.

Claims 46-48.   (Cancelled).

49.   (Previously Presented) A shipping management computer system that is programmed for:

(A) communicating with a plurality of remote client computer devices;

(B) for each particular one of said plurality of remote client computer devices:

(1) receiving a request, via said particular remote client computer device, to ship a particular parcel, said request comprising a set of parcel characteristics;

(2) using said set of parcel characteristics and a first set of carrier-specific weight calculation rules to derive a first carrier-specific ratable weight for said particular parcel;

(3) using said set of parcel characteristics and a second set of carrier-specific weight calculation rules to derive a second carrier-specific ratable weight for said particular parcel;

(4) using said first carrier-specific ratable weight to determine whether a first carrier would support shipping the particular parcel;

(5) using said second carrier-specific ratable weight to determine whether a second carrier would support shipping the particular parcel; and

(6) displaying to a display device in communication with the remote client computer device, an indication of each carrier of the plurality of carriers that would support shipping the particular respective parcel.

50.   (Previously Presented) A shipping management computer system, that is programmed for:

(A) communicating with a plurality of user client computer devices via a network communications protocol;

(B) for each of said plurality of user client computer devices:

(1) receiving a request, via said client computer device, to ship a particular parcel, said request comprising:

(a) an origin postal code for said particular parcel,

(b) a destination postal code for said particular parcel, and

(c) a respective set of parcel specifications for the particular parcel;

(2) in response to receiving the request:

(a) determining a first carrier-specific origin rating zone identifier that a first carrier would associate with the origin postal code;

(b) determining a second carrier-specific origin rating zone identifier that a second carrier would associate with the origin postal code;

(c) determining a first carrier-specific destination rating zone identifier that said first carrier would associate with the destination postal code;

(d) determining a second carrier-specific destination rating zone identifier that said second carrier would associate with the destination postal code;

(e) calculating a first service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate for a first delivery service offered by said first carrier according to at least the first carrier-specific origin rating zone, the first carrier-specific destination rating zone, and the set of parcel specifications;

(f) calculating a second service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate for a second delivery service offered by said first carrier according to at least the first carrier-specific origin rating zone, the first carrier-specific destination rating zone, and the set of parcel specifications;

(g) calculating a third service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate for a first delivery service offered by said second carrier according to at least the second carrier-specific origin rating zone, the second carrier-specific destination rating zone, and the set of parcel specifications; and

(h) calculating a fourth service-specific, carrier-specific shipping rate for a second delivery service offered by said second carrier according to at least the second carrier-specific origin rating zone, the second carrier-specific destination rating zone, and the set of parcel specifications.

51.   (Withdrawn) A shipping management computer sys that tem is programmed for:

(A) communicating remotely with a plurality of user client computer devices via a network communications protocol;

(B) for each particular one of each of said user client computer devices:

(1) receiving, via said particular user client computer device, a request from a user to ship a particular parcel, said request comprising: (a) a shipping date on which said particular parcel is to be shipped; (b) an origin postal code for said particular parcel; and (c) a destination postal code for said particular parcel;

(2) in response to receiving said request:

(a) determining a first delivery schedule according to which said particular parcel would be delivered from said origin postal code to said destination postal code if said particular parcel were shipped on said shipping date by a first carrier via a first delivery service;

(b) determining a second delivery schedule according to which said particular parcel would be delivered from said origin postal code to said destination postal code if said particular parcel were shipped on said shipping date by said first carrier via a second delivery service;

(c) determining a third delivery schedule according to which said particular parcel would be delivered from said origin postal code to said destination postal code if said particular parcel were shipped on said shipping date by a second carrier via a first delivery service;

(d) determining a fourth delivery schedule according to which said particular parcel would be delivered from said origin postal code to said destination postal code if said particular parcel were shipped on said shipping date by said second carrier via a second delivery service; and

(e) generating, to a display device in communication with said client computer device, a display of said first, second, third, and fourth delivery schedules.

52.   (Withdrawn) A shipping management computer system, that is programmed for:

(A) communicating with a plurality of remote user client computer devices via a network communications protocol;

(B) for each particular one of said user client computer devices:

(1) receiving, via said particular user client computer device, a

request to print a shipping label for shipping a particular parcel via a particular delivery service offered by a particular carrier, said request comprising:

        (a) a shipping date for said particular parcel;

        (b) an origin postal code for said particular parcel;

        (c) a destination postal code for said particular parcel; and

        (d) a set of parcel specifications for said particular parcel;

(2) identifying a set of graphic resolution characteristics associated with a remote display device configured with said user client computer device;

(3) generating a shipping label image bearing a dimensionally accurate symbology for dimensionally accurate printing on a printer in communication with said user client computer device; and

(4) sending the shipping label image to the user client computer device for printing on the printer, wherein:

        said shipping management computer system generates said shipping label image in a format according to a set of formatting rules for said particular delivery service,

        said shipping management computer system generates said shipping label image according to a set of graphic resolution characteristics associated with said respective remote display device; and

        said shipping label image comprises content that is derived according to said respective request.

Claim 53.   (Cancelled).